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# Hispanic Healthy Marriage Initiative

## Strengthening Marriages to Strengthen Children

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Happy New Year from the Hispanic Healthy Marriage Initiative. This newsletter is being sent to you as a result of your name being listed on the initiative's Listserve. Our hope is to share helpful and timely information with you on a regular basis, highlighting some of the most pertinent information relative to the work of Hispanic-serving organizations engaged in marriage strengthening work.

### It's All In The Family

*En Familia Serves South Florida*



Since 2000, enFAMILIA, Inc. has been providing educational programs to help improve and preserve family life for a large population of migrant farm workers and low-income families living in Deep South Miami-Dade County. Sadly, this region suffers from the challenges common to many urban areas: poverty, low education, cultural prejudices, teen pregnancy, and the

absence of healthy parenting skills.

To address these issues, enFAMILIA has developed a multi-faceted Art and Family Education Center that offers the following programs and activities:

- Marriage Preparation and Enrichment Workshops
- Effective Parenting Seminars
- Programs that help parents prepare their children to succeed in school
- Art Education through Summer Art-In- Action camps and Out Of School arts program
- Family Strengthening Workshops and Seminars
- Marriage Preparation, Education, Maintenance and Enrichment Workshops
- Domestic Violence and Child Abuse Prevention Programs
- Mother / Daughter Sessions that will bring their relationships closer and stop the cycle of violence
- Promoting Responsible Fatherhood

In partnership with 18 community and faith- based organizations, enFamilia has served approximately 2500 individuals. While the core of enFamilia's work is supported through private contributions, the organization has been successful in obtaining some federal funds over the last few years, most recently being named as a Responsible Fatherhood grantee. To learn more about enFamilia, call 305-245 7288 or go to [enFamilia's website](#)

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### ***Recursos***

#### ***Resources You Can Use***

A number of resources are available to assist practitioners in their delivery of marriage strengthening and relationship skill education. We've taken the liberty of sharing a few of them below:

- [A Research Paper on Couples and Marriages in Disadvantaged Communities](#)
- [Learning from the Longest Running State-wide Marriage Initiative in the U.S.: The Oklahoma Marriage Initiative](#)
- [2007 Smart Marriage Conference](#)

Stay tuned to future e- newsletters that introduce new briefs and papers developed by the Hispanic Healthy Marriage Initiative.

### **Chicago Launch of Healthy Marriage Initiative**

On February 1, 2007, Chicagoland's Family Bridges initiative will be launched by Meier Clinics and its community partners. Together with its 18 partners, including the 100+ organizational coalition of the Chicago Alliance for Latino Marriages (CALMA), the project began forming more than two years ago from an interest to

collectively address the marriage and family issues and challenges in the region. Family Bridges' Project Manager, Dr. Alicia LaHoz, reports that the initiative will serve more than 6,000 low-income adults and youth in a variety of settings including multi-week community-based sessions, weekend retreats, and city-wide conferences and seminars. The launching event, to be held at the Chicago Public Library's beautiful Harold Washington Library Center in the heart of the city, will also unveil the campaigns' radio and TV public education campaign. For more information on Family Bridges call 1-877-41BRIDGE.

Thank you for your interest in the Hispanic Healthy Marriage Initiative and more importantly, thank you for all you do on behalf of Hispanic couples and their children.

**Mil Gracias!**

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